

State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE LAHONTAN REGION TO REMOVE THE MUNICIPAL AND DOMESTIC SUPPLY (MUN) BENEFICIAL USE DESIGNATION FROM CERTAIN GROUND WATERS BENEATH NAVAL AIR WEAPONS STATION (NAWS) CHINA LAKE, KERN, INYO, AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Lahontan Water Board's) amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Basin that would remove the MUN beneficial use designation from certain ground waters beneath NAWS China Lake (Basin Plan amendment). The Basin Plan amendment was adopted by the Lahontan Water Board on February 11, 2015 (Resolution No. R6V-2015-0005), and is available for review at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb6/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/index.shtml

A copy of the Basin Plan amendment can also be received by mail by contacting Rich Booth at (530) 542-5574 or richard.booth@waterboards.ca.gov.

REQUEST NOTICE OF STATE BOARD MEETINGS. The State Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the Basin Plan amendment. Oral comments at the State Water Board meeting generally will be limited to a summary of the written comments submitted during the written comment period. Persons interested (including those who submit oral or written comments to the Lahontan Water Board and State Water Board) in receiving notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approving the Basin Plan amendment **must subscribe** to: reg6_basinplan_chinalake@swrcb18.waterboards.ca.gov. The State Water Board encourages use of its electronic mailing list. Persons who require notice by regular mail must submit such request to the Lahontan Water Board contact identified below.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in the Basin Plan amendment are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on September 21, 2015**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise. Send comments to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (**must be no more than 15 megabytes**); fax at (916) 341-5620; or mail or hand delivery at:

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State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

Please also indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter—China Lake MUN use De-designation**".

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS (23 Cal. Code Regs., § 3779, subd. (f)).

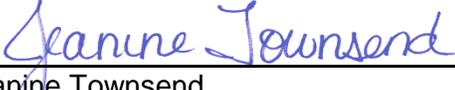
The State Water Board may refuse to accept any comments that do not satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Comments must specifically address the final version of the Basin Plan amendment adopted by the Lahontan Water Board.
2. If the Lahontan Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes each of the responses provided by the Lahontan Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect.
3. The commenter also must include either a statement that each of the comments was timely raised before the Lahontan Water Board, or an explanation of why the commenter was unable to raise the specific comment before the Lahontan Water Board.

Please direct any questions about this notice to Rich Booth, Senior Engineering Geologist at the Lahontan Water Board, at (530) 542-574 or richard.booth@waterboards.ca.gov or Kim Niemeyer, Staff Counsel at (916) 341-5547 or kim.niemeyer@waterboards.ca.gov.

August 19, 2015

Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board